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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HISASHI NARIMATSU, ET AL.) : Examiner: Manjunath N. Rao
Application No.: 09/914,152) : Group Art Unit: 1652
Filed: August 24, 2001) :
For: NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES) : March 7, 2003
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Official Action dated February 11, 2003 (Paper No. 6) in the above-identified application, as follows.

REMARKS

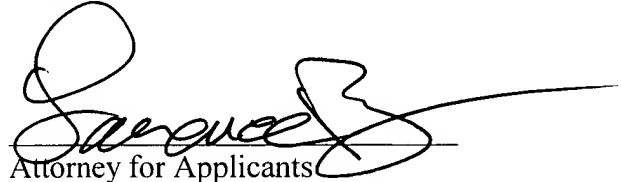
In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required that Applicants elect for prosecution one of the inventions among Groups I-XIX for the reasons noted.

In response, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, namely Claims 1-13 and 26-27.

Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lawrence S. Perry', written over a horizontal line.

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